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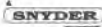
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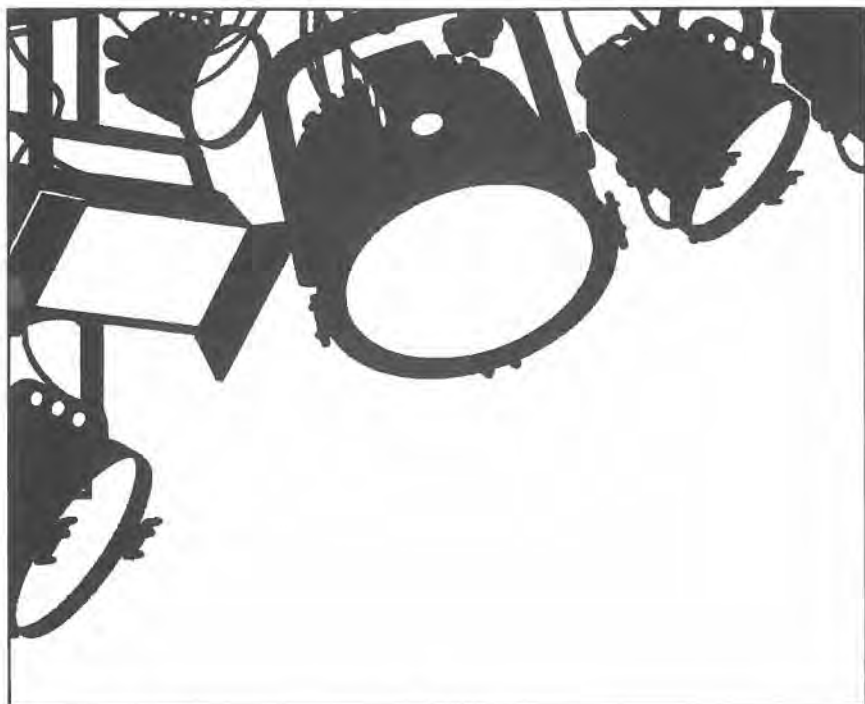
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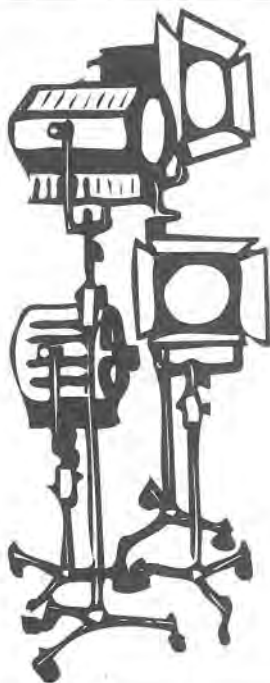
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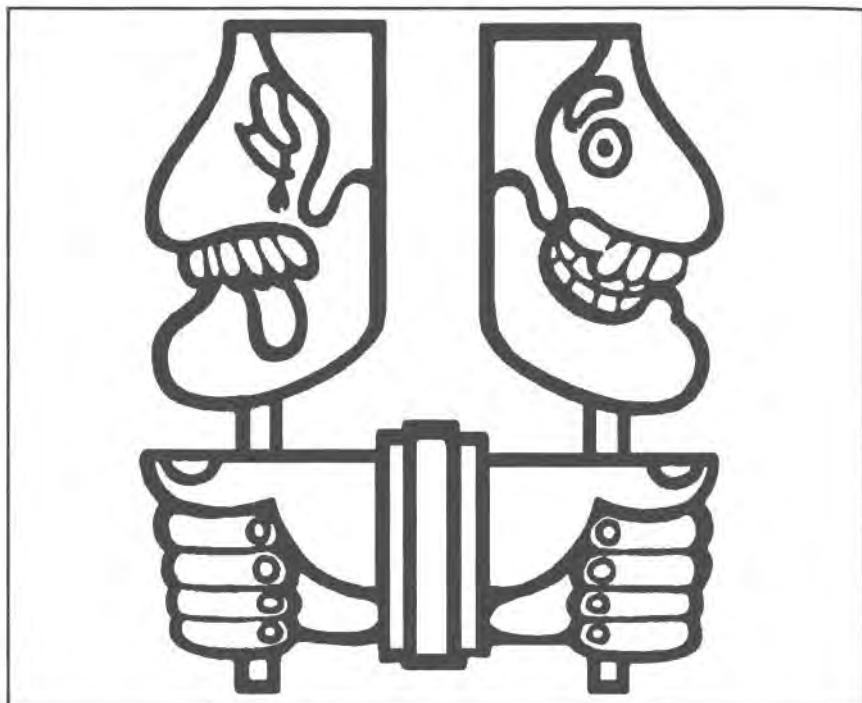
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American College Theatre Festival

Illinois State University students placed highly in theatre competitions at the regional American College Theatre Festival held in Milwaukee in January, including winning the acting and criticism competitions. The Region III festival included colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with over 1300 theatre students participating.

In the Irene Ryan Acting Competition, students are selected to go to the regional festival by outside adjudicators based on their performance in productions at their own schools. 12 students from Illinois State (along with their scene partners) were selected to go to the regional to join the group of 302 students competing. Illinois State had seven students make it to the semi-final round, and had five of the 16 in the finals. Final results were:

- winner: Rebecca McGraw, Illinois State University
- winner: Joe Calarco, Western Michigan University
- alternate: Phillip Burgess, Illinois State University
- best scene partner: Justus Woolever, Illinois State University

The two winners with their partners, and the best scene partner, will compete at the national American College Theatre Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, April 23 - May 1. The alternate will go if one of the winners is unable to attend. Rebecca McGraw's scene partner was Justus Woolever, and Phillip Burgess' scene partner was Syreeta Epps. Rebecca McGraw was seen at Illinois State Theatre recently as Ma Joad in *The Grapes of Wrath*, and Phillip Burgess played the role of Elesin Oba in *Death and the King's Horseman*.

Other Illinois State students participating in the Irene Ryan competition were: Hans Fleischmann with partner Romel Jamison (finalist), Cesili Williams with partner Romel Jamison (finalist), Holly Rocke with partner John Moran (finalist), David Gray with partner Justus Woolever (semi-finalist), Jonathan Awori with partner Heather Freer (semi-finalist), Jennifer Sydney with partner Chris Weaver, Michael Moran with partner John Moran, Monica Dees with partner Matt McMahon, Corryn Cummins with partner Cheryl Markowitz, and Haley Rice with partner Heather Freer.

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27 students in the region competed in the Critics competition at the regional festival, which involved submitting reviews for three of the festival's six productions. The results were:

- First Place: Jennifer Juul, Illinois State University
- First Runner up: Bill Wanderer, Monmouth College
- Second Runner-up: Shaun Manning, Hillsdale College

Others participating in the Critics competition from Illinois State were Andrew Gibb and Travis Stern. As first place winner, Jennifer Juul will also compete at the national festival in Washington, DC.

Illinois State students Janine Vreath and Joe Rial entered scenic designs and Joe Rial received an Honorable Mention in the Barbizon Design Excellence award.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the festival.

Schedule Changes

Rebecca McGraw (who won the regional acting competition) is playing Hedda in *Hedda Gabler*. Because the dates conflict with the national American College Theatre Festival, we've changed some of the performance dates for *Hedda Gabler*. Please note the revised schedule on the following page.

American College Dance Festival

35 Illinois State University dance students and faculty will be participating in the American College Dance Festival which will be held March 9-12, 2001 at the University of Illinois.

Two works from Illinois State will be presented at the main adjudicated concert on March 11 at 2:45 pm: "Family Portrait" choreographed by faculty member Laurie Merriman, and "l'épuration d'une femme" choreographed by Illinois State student Anthony J. Orrico. In addition, faculty member Lon Hurst's piece "Keepin' the Beat" will be presented on the informal concert on the same day, and faculty member Philip Johnston will dance a solo "Someone to Watch Over Me" at a concert on March 10th.

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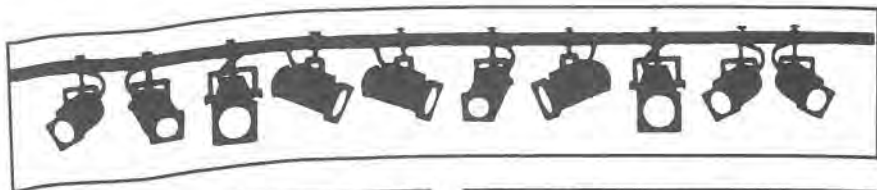
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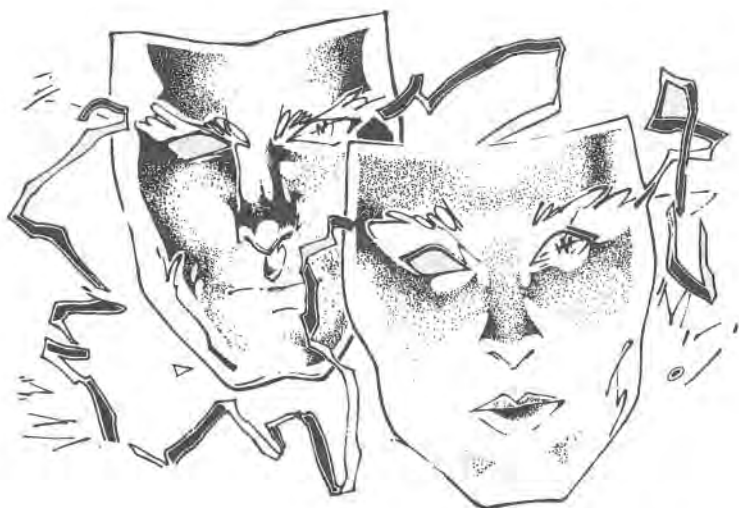
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